

HOUSE BILL 1745

By Kumar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;
Title 56 and Title 71, relative to network adequacy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2356(b), is amended by deleting subdivisions (b)(1)-(3) and substituting instead the following:

(1) An adequate number of acute care hospital services within not more than ten (10) miles distance or twenty (20) minutes travel time at a reasonable speed; provided, that the commissioner may waive or modify this requirement in a specific geographic area if, in the opinion of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee, the above time standard is not feasible;

(2) An adequate number of primary care providers within not more than ten (10) miles distance or twenty (20) minutes travel time at a reasonable speed; provided, that the commissioner may waive or modify this requirement in a specific geographic area if, in the opinion of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee, the above time standard is not feasible;

(3) An adequate number of specialists and subspecialists within not more than ten (10) miles distance or twenty (20) minutes travel time at a reasonable speed; provided, that the commissioner may waive or modify this requirement in a specific geographic area if, in the opinion of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee, the above time standard is not feasible;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.